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COMMISSION SETS DEADLINE FOR PROTESTS/INTERVENTIONS IN ELECTRIC RATE CASES

To enhance the efficiency of the electric rate filing and review process, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission today finalized procedures for parties to file, within 21 days, any interventions or protests in electric rate cases, thus providing more certainty for the industry and interested parties.

Today's rule—essentially codifying existing practice—allows interested parties 21 days to file protests or interventions in electric rate filings made under section 205 of the Federal Power Act. This rule is consistent with current Natural Gas Act rate filing procedures.

Under section 205 of the Federal Power Act, public utilities must provide the Commission with at least 60 days notice of any revised tariffs or rate changes. Current regulations do not provide any specific time frame during that 60-day period for interested parties to intervene or protest such filings. By setting a 21-day deadline, the Commission seeks to remove any ambiguity as to the time allowed for parties to file protests or interventions.

This final rule is effective 30 days after the rule's publication in the Federal Register.